

OUR AUCKLAND (N. Z.) LETTER.

THE General Assembly has now been some 12 months in session, and the real work of the colony yet remains to be done. Auckland has the scene of considerable political excitement during the month of September, and the following public meeting being held, elsewhere, or otherwise consider the provisions of the Abolition of Provincial and Local Government Bills, in fact the various electorates have been suffering from "abolition on brawn." When the telegraphic summaries of the above bills were first published by the Auckland Press there seemed to be in the public mind a general feeling of approval, but when the bills had been forwarded from Wellington and their provisions carefully examined, as well as the Colonial Treasurer's estimate of the cost of the various bills, during the ensuing year, a considerable revulsion of public feeling took place. Though Auckland contributes about one-fourth of the consolidated revenue, as figured in the estimate for only £60,000, of which £25,000 was contingent for public works, or half the amount allocated

to a million respectively. Notwithstanding the facts the Thames Gold-fields, East Coast, Waikato settlements remained staunch the Government, while the Auckland and Otago mining districts, on the contrary, pronounced against it. The Government have carried the second reading of the Abolition of Provinces Bill, and the main matter has been taken up by the lobby with him only four Auckland members, Mr. Wainman, Provincial Treasurer; Mr. Sheehan, ex-Provincial Secretary; Mr. Dignan, member of Provincial Council; and Mr. G. A. Smith, of the Otago Provincial Council. A petition has been numerous signed in Auckland, and forwarded to Wellington, praying these and other Auckland members to vote in support of the bill. By word, and clause by clause, the provisions of the bill, in order to keep Parliament in session until it expires by effluxion of time in February, Mr. George Sedgwick has been the most characteristic:—"We stand firm, and will stand firm to the end." Counter petitions have been sent up at the gold-fields, exhorting the Government to rescind the bill, and uphold the provinces. As the provincial supplies for the province have been voted to the end of the year, a very pretty budget will be created if the line of policy indicated by the Government be adopted. The accounts of quarterly revenue and expenditure lately published show that were it not some £12,000 from publicans' licences, the Government would be £100,000 in arrears, and the Provincial Government might "put

the shunters." The country is getting impatient that wild debates and fruitless discussions that have as yet characterized the session, more especially as putting the question of the proposed bill for the ratification of the San Francisco mail contract are being completely ignored.

Another attempt has been made in a resolution following the same line, to have the Government take the marriage law of the colony. But notwithstanding the rare persistency of Mr. Stewart, the Deceased Wife's Sister's Bill—which would have given precedence to the widow over the second wife—has not yet become rather mixed—was again thrown out "the Lords" after having run the gauntlet of the House of Representatives, men to the delight of Victoria, and the House of Commons, men to the delight of the defamed measure as "a bill to legalize vice and enable libidinous men and women to commit within the second degree."

An Act having a very important bearing on social life in the colony, and at the same time one which in 1876 has been reserved for her Majesty's assent (known as the Real Estate Descend Act), the object is to simplify the law of descent, and remove the confusion of the real estate law of the colony. Like Mr. Bright's measure, rejected by the House of Commons, it deals a fatal blow to the feudal system of succession, and the right of primogeniture, and is a necessary and a long desired reform to the exertions of the Hon. Mr. Waterhouse now of the Legislative Council, and late Chief Secretary of South Australia.

The Government has yet made any sign as to the date of the probable return of the Postmaster-General.

General, Sir Julius Vogel. The question is one, however, which concerns the Colonial Treasury much more than it does the House of Representatives. It is not to return to an order of the House "of all amounts payable to representatives of the colonial Government" services rendered outside the colony, since June 1, 1860, but to the Colonial Treasurer, Sir James Macalister, "received in September £1500, and in December £500; in May last, imprecise advance £1000, of which £2500 remains unaccounted for." The fact of this irregularity was known to the private secretary, Mr. E. Fox, figures for £1900 out of the above sum, as salary, travelling expenses, &c., or over £200 a-year more than the Colonial Treasurer received in 1860. The Letters from home state that Sir Julius contemplates returning to New Zealand by the pioneer steamer, the new Pacific Mail Service, but nothing is recorded of his return to the colony.

There is considerable stagnation in trade, arising to some extent from the want of confidence engendered by the great political struggle going on in England. At present, the colonies are at a standstill, and an imperative character are at a standstill until it shall be finally settled whether the colonies shall be undertaken by a reconstituted Provincial Government, or by the Imperial Government. The General Government. The returns of the various savings banks (Government and otherwise), building societies, &c., reveal the fact that the working class are very poorly paid, and that the reaction of a previous epoch of loan expenditure is prevailing in the "years of plenty against the years of famine." There are plenty certain to follow the Province in applying for aid.

The late returns of the various banks trading in the colony indicate a steady expansion of colonial trade and commerce. The Bank of New Zealand heads the list with its current circulation of £1,000,000. The Government deposits about a million, and private deposits to close upon two millions and a quarter. The liabilities, in round numbers, amount to £2,739,912, and the assets to £2,739,332. On June last the amount at deposit in the six banks trading business in the colony was £6,094,022; liabilities £1,010,000; assets, £10,814,222.

A new commercial enterprise has been floated last year (known as the New Zealand Loan and Investment Company) through the agency of the National Bank. Its object is to be a clearing house for the various shares have been floated abroad for the colony. It is intended to be a sister institution to the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Company, the career of which has been remarkably successful, and which occupy a similar sphere of operations. The paid-up capital of the company is fixed at £600,000, £200 shares. The first issue of £200,000 (£100 shares) was made during the past year, and when the first dividend was paid it was ascertained that the applications converted nearly double the amount; the shares were consequently sold at a considerable *pro rata*. Notwithstanding the rapid accumulation of funds, and the increased and increasing taxation, it is evident from the above facts that the investing public have strong faith in the material resources and financial future of the colony.

Recent trade and shipping returns show that, notwithstanding the depression in the home market, and to Great Britain, our largest dealings are with the United States, and the West Indies.

chiefly gold, to the value of over a million. The import and export trade with New South Wales represents a large portion of these amounts. The returns also indicate progress in the maritime prosperity of the colony. Auckland maintains her position as the premier province for the export of goods, and the number of vessels entered inwards sailing to Auckland ports is 1,000.

The Auckland Harbour Board have just accepted a contract for the construction of a railway pier to meet the requirements of the shipping trade, and to facilitate the shipment of goods to, and transhipment of goods from the Waikato railway depot. The pier will cost about £60,000, and will be a valuable adjunct to the railway line, which is one of the places which are steadily increasing month by month, as public become more accustomed to railway travel than to the coasting trade.

Our population has been increased during the past month by some 800 immigrants, the greater portion of whom have gone to strengthen the Waikato settlement on the East Coast. In addition to the above the Government has sent the Vessey Stewart's special settlers (800 strong) to the new Ulster settlement on the East Coast (have been) to the Bay of Plenty, and the Waikato. The immigrants by this vessel alone bring with them hard cash some £25,000, of which the least part will be expended in the colony.

Mr. Vessey Stewart and his friends have been in Auckland, and are incomparably

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days, some considerable time (the gentlemen employed being only able to devote *spare hours*) to the work of erecting the building, which was opened for the exhibition in the academy's gallery. Furthermore, good track had been cleared from the existing road to the site of the new building, and the latter was not only previously very difficult of access, and particularly so in winter, but, as the snow lay deep, it was scarcely ever been visited, and a fine view from the falls could not be obtained. The new building, however, as well as in other places. The base line for the treatment was obtained by stretching a wire, about three inches in length, across the abyss between two points on opposite sides of the falls.

In furtherance of the object, first above referred to, in order to render the notion of views taken at (Gowett's Leap) more definite, the following sketch is published in the page of the Green River, at the foot of Mt. King George, and at the confluence of the Goveett's Leap, at the foot of the falls. This camp, under the auspices of Lewis Thompson, with assistance from the present time—of the Goveett's Leap party, has also visited the valley here, and made the necessary arrangements. Three men have been employed there for about a month, clearing the trail, and removing the large quantity of stumps and miners in about the year 1867, which had become much obstructed by fallen trees. Landslides, and other accidents, had rendered the trail very inconvenient above mentioned (at which point it is feet below the railway line at Hartley Vale) and the pack-teams. Mr. Fitzgerald, a Townsman, has stated down on Monday last for the camp, and will visit during the present month, and on the 23rd instant a large party will go down with the pack-

The following is an extract from a home letter written to a friend in England:

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IS THE PLANET MARS INHABITED?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

SIR,—In your paper of the 6th instant you published an article on the subject of the probability of life on the planet Mars, from the pen of Mr. Procter, in which the writer took the view that it is extremely likely that the life of Mars is of a higher order than that of our earth, and that it is of a higher phase of life. In my opinion Mars is still the theatre of animal and vegetable life. Perhaps, as writer remarks, it may be of no real practical value to us to know of such life, but it is a fact which should be applied with equal force against nearly all scientific enterprise which has been undertaken of late years. I have no space to enter into a full review of some of the writer's arguments in support of position.

The writer states that probably Mars is, both actually and relatively, an older globe than our earth. This doubt is true; but the fact is overlooked, that on the earth *life is directly dependent on the heat received from the sun, and in the case of Mars, it is not so.* It is perfectly true that our globe is a liquid mass by the centre, which is variously estimated at from 60 to 100 miles; but the amount of this heat, which reaches the surface, is so small, as proved by the snow-covered polar regions, that life, either vegetable or animal, is in no appreciable degree possible. On Mars, it is estimated that, if life has existed on Mars, there evolved matter spontaneously or created, life still exists, and it can be long as the planet's relation to the sun source of light and heat—

Again, the writer draws a comparison between Mars and our moon. But the comparison is a very unfair one. On the Moon, the temperature is so low, that life is

From its own axis, Mars' telescope reveals the fact that the snow on the surface of Mars, in considerable quantities, as its north pole approaches its midwinter, the snow deepens to about 40 degrees north latitude; while near the south pole it reaches a depth of 100 degrees of latitude. As the south pole approaches its winter period, this is reversed—the snow increasing around the south pole, and the snow melting away from the north pole as it comes down on the surface of the earth. The question arises—Where does all this snow come from? The answer is, it comes from the rays of the sun, and is not reflected on by the rays of the sun. Therefore all the water on the planet's surface cannot be locked in perpetual frost, but is constantly being melted and refrozen. The entire belt of snow 20° in breadth round the entire planet appears. If the heat of the sun is sufficient to melt the snow, it is also sufficient to melt the ice. The limits that keep the surface of the ocean within the limits of ice are: Mars being at the mean distance of 140 million miles from the sun, while the earth is 94 million miles from the sun. The diameter of the sun is 864,000 miles, and the diameter of the earth as seen from our world, and his area is therefore four-ninths of his area as we see him. Light will travel 186,000 miles in one second, and we receive, as far as depends on the sun's rays alone, 1/186 of it. This it will appear that a given area on Mars' surface receives 1/186 of the light that a given area on the earth receives, that an equal area on the earth receives with the sun at an altitude of 40°, or half way between the horizon and the zenith, receives 1/93 of the light that a given area on the earth, this is amply sufficient to keep the people from ice and to sustain animal and vegetable life. The question arises—What I said before: If life were spontaneously developed on Mars, it would be on the surface of Mars, it exists there still, as the surface of the earth, its relation to the sun are not so much altered to cause its surface to freeze.

COPPER.—The following is a return of copper received at the Sydney stations, for the week ending August 27th 1896:—
At the Sydney station, 256 ingots, 1 ton 15 cwt 10 lbs.
From Newcastle, 693 ingots, 2 tons 15 cwt 10 lbs.
Total, 949 ingots, 4 tons 10 cwt 20 lbs.

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Preliminary Notice.
WEDNESDAY, September 22, at 11 o'clock.
 At the Australian Auction Rooms, Pitt-street.
Highly Important and Attractive Sale by Auction
 of the
PROPERTY CASES OF MAGNIFICENT DRAWING-ROOM, DINING-ROOM, LIBRARY, and BED-ROOM FURNITURE, CHINA, GLASS, AND BRASS, GLASSES, TOILET GLASSES, FRAME-WORK, &c., &c.,
 Just landed by Francis Forbes.
 Full particulars of which will duly appear, and Book-gives issued to including purchasers.
 Gentlemen Furnishing, Upholsters, Cabinet-makers, Stuck-uppers, Furniture Brokers, and others.
BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt-street, on **FRIDAY, 24th inst.**, at 11 o'clock.
 By Francis Forbes,
 shipment of very elegant modern furniture, of a very superior make and finish.
 Catalogues will be prepared for convenience of purchasers.
Terms at sale.
 On an early day next week.
229, BOURKE-STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO,
 the residence of **EDGAR RAY, Esq.**
ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS
and VALUABLE MEZZO-TINT ENGRAVINGS.
CHOICE WATER-COLOURS.
 By Edgar Ray, Esq.
 Gentlemen Purchasing, Connoisseurs, Furniture Brokers, and others.
BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have been favoured with instructions from Edgar Ray, (in consequence of his protracted absence here), to sell by auction, at his residence, 229, Bourke-st., on an early day next week, a most valuable and elegant furniture and effects.
Terms, cash.
 Catalogues sent on course of preparation.
PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
TO THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.
POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE OF
BOOTS AND SHOES,
JUST ARRIVED.
IMPORTED SPECIALLY FOR THE COMING
SEASON.
 comprising the **VERY BEST ASSORTMENT, viz.:**
LADIES'
GENTLEMEN'S
CHILDREN'S, &c.
 at the City Mart, 362, George-street,
TUESDAY, September 21st, at 11 o'clock.
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE IMPORTERS,
E. THRELKELD will sell by auction, at the City Mart, on **TUESDAY, September 21st**, at 11 o'clock,
 248 bridle boots and shoes, as above.
 Full particulars in future issue.
Terms at sale.
 Richmond River Sawn Pine.
 Ex steamer Platypus.
LOW LANDING ON THE MARKET WHARF,
FOR POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE.
THURSDAY, September 16, at 3 o'clock.
IMPORTANT TO TIMBER MERCHANTS, BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, COUNTRY BUYERS, SHIPPERS, &c.
E. THRELKELD has received instructions from Messrs. E. Carter and Co., to sell auction, at the Market Wharf, **THIS DAY, September 16, at 3 o'clock,**
 14 to 6 dressed flooring
 14 to 6 x 1 unbranded boards
 14 to 8 x 1 ditto ditto
 Battens and scantling.
Terms at sale.
SURRY HILLS.
CROWN-STREET.
VACANT PLOT OF LAND.
E. THRELKELD will sell by auction, at the Land & Estate Rooms, **THIS DAY, September 16, at 11 o'clock,**
 that valuable piece of land, situate in Crown-street, between Goulburn and Campbell streets, and adjoining Ewer's Hotel, having a frontage of 20 feet to Crown-street by a depth of 70 feet (all more or less).
 Terms liberal.

LITTLE CAMPBELL-STREET,
Between Crown and Rilly streets.

TWO BRICK-BUILT COTTAGES.

E. THREKELD will sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, **THIS DAY, Monday 16, at 11 o'clock,** those two neat and comfortably built cottages, situate in Little Campbell-street, and known as Dent's cottages, containing 10 rooms, a kitchen, back and front, also good yards, now let at the low rent of 15 per week each.

This unquestionable.
Terms at sale.

Persons in search of a snug little freehold should lose this opportunity.

EXCELLENT BRICK-BUILT DWELLING.
HOUGH AND FRIMERS,
21, Norton-street, Barry Hill.

E. THREKELD will sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, **THIS DAY, Monday 16, at 11 o'clock,** that substantial brick built house, containing 5 rooms, kitchen, and out-offices, having a frontage of 16 feet, a front-street, by a depth of 108 feet to Little Norton-street.

Terms at sale.

SOUTH MEAD ROAD,
adjacent the Barnack, adjoining Mr. Harper's Property.

E. THREKELD will sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, **THIS DAY, Monday 16, at 11 o'clock,** those two elegant cottages, containing 4 rooms, having a frontage of 24 feet 6 inches to South Head Road by a noble street to Bourne-lane, together with 2 southward houses in the rear, one containing 4 rooms, and the other 2 rooms.

This, indisputable.
Terms at sale.

Sale of Fancy Goods, Perfumery, Brakeware, &c.

R. CHARLES TEAKLE has been instructed to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 15, Finsbury-street, on **FRIDAY next,** 15 packages of fancy goods.

Details in future issue.

Hats and Shoes. Boots and Shoes.

To Boot and Shoe Dealers and others.

R. M. MOLONY has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, George-street, on **MONDAY, 20th instant, at 11 o'clock.**

The above. Terms, liberal, at sale.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

NEW PATNA RICE.

R. M. L. SALAMON will sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, **THIS DAY, Thursday, 16th instant, at 11 o'clock,** 100 bags, each 112 lb. of the finest new Patna table rice.

Terms at sale.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

PERNIER'S CHAMPAGNE.

R. M. L. SALAMON has received instructions to sell by auction, **THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock,**

10 cases Parnier's quart Moet's champagne
5 ditto ditto plus ditto ditto.

To close an account.
Terms at sale.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

TARTARIC ACID.

R. M. L. SALAMON has received instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 281, George-street, **THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock,**

one case, each 8 and 16 lb. jars, tartaric acid.

Terms at sale.

AUCTION SALES.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

BRYANT AND MAY'S RUBY MATCHES.

M. R. M. L. SALAMON will sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, 16th instant, at 11 o'clock, 6 cases Bryant and May's ruby matches, each 25 gross.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

PEARL TABLE.

M. R. M. L. SALAMON will sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, 16th instant, at 11 o'clock, 20 cases, each 1 cwt., pearl table.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

FOR POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE.

TO CLOSE A PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNT.

Comprising, in chests, boxes, and boxes
Black and White Ground Pepper
King's Brand Corn Flour
Household Soap, 44 bars
De Mott's Java and Co's 5-Medals Candles
American Glue
Columbian Mustard
Safety Matches, &c., &c.

M. R. M. L. SALAMON has received instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock.

49 half-chests congo
38 chests ditto
19 chests ditto
50 bags ditto
44 chests ditto
36 chests ditto
50 bags finest white Mauritius crystals
16 chests 1-lb. ditto
6 cases 1-lb. ditto
32 chests 1-lb. ditto
4 chests 1-lb. ditto
1 case 1-lb. ditto
4 cases, each 50 gross patent safety matches, small size

300 boxes De Mott's Java and Co's 5-Medals Candles
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11 cases ground white pepper
6 chests black ditto
10 chests white ditto
3 boxes bathing powder, 12 cases, each 1 gross
4 chests ditto, 20 cases, each 1 gross
16 cases, each 1 cwt. Patina
37 boxes, each 12 1/2 lbs. finest household soap, 44 bars
1 case 1-lb. Patina
1 chest Worcester sauce, 3-pint
1 chest Whybrow's red lard

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NEW SEASON'S TEA.

OR SOMERSET.

M. R. M. L. SALAMON has received instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, 16th instant, at 11 o'clock, 200 boxes choicest 1857 congo, each 10 lbs.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

ATKIN'S CELEBRATED STOUT.

Now landing, in splendid order.

M. R. M. L. SALAMON will sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, 20 cases, each 4 dozen, 1857 congo, each 10 lbs.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

PORT WINE.

M. R. M. L. SALAMON will sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, 16th instant, at 11 o'clock, 30 cases, each 1 dozen superior bottled port.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

CLOTHES PEGS.

M. R. M. L. SALAMON has been instructed to sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, 200 boxes whitened clothes pegs, each 5 gross.

THURSDAY, 16th September.

SHERBY.

For Positive Sale.

M. R. M. L. SALAMON has been instructed to sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, 6 quarter-casks sherry.

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ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

M. R. M. L. SALAMON has received instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, No. 281, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, 10 cases, each 4 dozen, 1857 congo, each 10 lbs.

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FINEST FINEST CIGARS.

BARRY'S ANCHOR TOBACCO.

ARROW'S CIGARS.

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THE BOLITHO TIN MINE.

100 ACRES OF THE RICHEST TIN LANDS in the Colony.

By order of the Official Assignee in the Estate of Messrs. Bolitho and Scott.

GILCHRIST and WESTON are instructed by F. T. HUMPHREY, Esq., Official Assignee in the above estate, to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 5, Spring-street, on FRIDAY, 24th September, at 11 o'clock a.m.

The interest of the above-named parties, being SIX EIGHTHS OF THE WHOLE PROPERTY, situate near COPE'S CREEK, county of Hastings, and known as

THE BOLITHO MINE, comprising about 100 ACRES, believed to contain one of the few and the LARGEST AND RICHEST LODES of tin ore discovered in the colony.

This valuable property has only been worked to a sufficient extent to prove its immediate intrinsic value, as established beyond any possible doubt, as intending buyers may be satisfied by perusal, at the Auctioneers' office, of results obtained by shipment of a quantity of the ore to England.

THE LODE has been traced for a considerable distance, both longitudinally and in depth, and apart from some 15 tons of ore raised and sent to England, there is on land about 100 acres, a portion of which will be on view at the sale, and the bulk may be inspected at the office of Messrs. Bolitho and Scott.

It is not thought to be necessary that considerable expenditure would, in the first place, be necessary to put the mine in working order.

Crushing and dressing plant being essential requisites to the economical production of the ore in marketable form, at the same time, it is asserted that no higher inducements are held out by any mineral property than those presented by the BOLITHO TIN MINE.

Wanting only a MODERATE EXPENDITURE to bring it to a highly REMUNERATIVE standard as a permanent mine.

This very valuable property will be offered for PERISHABLE SALE on the 24th instant, and really requires no further notice to bring it under the favorable consideration of mining capitalists or speculators.

VALUABLE GOLD MINING PROPERTY AND PLANT.

THE DAYSPRING MINE and the extensive Plant, Currajong, near Parkes.

GILCHRIST and WESTON have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 5, Spring-street, on FRIDAY, the 24th September, at 11 o'clock a.m.

THE WHOLE of the property and plant of THE DAYSPRING AMALGAMATED GOLD MINING COMPANY.

The amalgamated property consists of 13 acres, held from the Government on mining lease, within which are several VALUABLE LODES, the intrinsic value of which has been ascertained by fully determined as those of any mine in the colony.

THE DAYSPRING has been worked continuously for a long period to a present depth of 300 FEET, at which depth the lode is now 2 FEET 6 INCHES THICK, and the crushing and dressing plant, which they will receive in addition, providing for an expenditure on permanent plant and improvements of £2,000.

A portion of the mine is now let on tribute, on terms which will abundantly satisfy intending investors of the prospects it holds out, and that they will receive a fair portion of the profits. The trustee, ALFRED SANDERSON, Esq., is the official manager.

THE PLANT, consisting of ONE HORIZONTAL ENGINE, 13-hp. cylinder, 3 feet stroke; BOILER, 5 feet diameter by 18 feet; 16-HEAD STEAM BATTERY, all in excellent order, together with various other machinery, &c., inventory of which can be viewed prior to day of sale.

THE PROPERTY the Auctioneers have no hesitation in specially recommending to the notice of mining men and capitalists, as presenting an excellent opportunity of securing one of the BEST WORKING MINES in the colony.

THE LOWLAND GOLD MINE, Situate at SOLFERINO, district of Grafton, together with CRUSHING PLANT OF TEN STAMPS.

ABSOLUTE SALE BY ORDER OF THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE in the insolvent estates of Messrs. Church and Hills, and Bolitho and Scott, with the concurrence of others interested.

GILCHRIST and WESTON have received instructions from F. T. HUMPHREY, Esq., Official Assignee in the above estates, to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 5, Spring-street, on FRIDAY, 24th September, at 11 o'clock a.m.

ALL and SUNDRY the property known as the LOWLAND GOLD MINE, SOLFERINO, with the machinery, &c., and all necessary plant, together with water rights, &c., &c.

THE MINE PROPERTY consists of a large area of the Goldfields Act of the 10th Nov. 10 and 11 North, 1874, embracing about THREE ACRES of ground ON THE LINE OF REEF.

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BOWDEN, MILLS, and GORDON.

THREE VERY SUPERIOR BUILDING ALLOTMENTS, adjoining Mr. Catlett's property.

By order of the Official Assignee in the Estate of Messrs. Bowden, Mills, and Gordon.

BOWDEN, MILLS, and GORDON are directed to sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 154, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, the 16th September, at half-past 11 o'clock a.m.

Three allotments of the original subdivision of the Bowden estate, on the hill near Burwood House, in Burwood-street, bounded on the north by Mr. Catlett's highly-improved property, 290 feet, the depth of each allotment, the frontage being 35 feet each; 1. Burwood-street, bounded on the south by 290 feet of land belonging to Miss Lester, separating these allotments from Bowley-place, which forms the northern boundary of Burwood House, the property and residence of Mr. L. E. Threlkeld.

The allotments have been recently enclosed with a close paling fence.

Terms at sale. Plan on view at Rooms.

FINE AGRICULTURAL FARM OF 808 ACRES, CHRISTMAS CREEK, BRANCH OF MACLEAY RIVER, known as THE BOWDEN FARM, only two miles from Kempsey and Frederickton, only two miles from Kempsey and Frederickton, only two miles from Kempsey and Frederickton.

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THE ESTATE ON THE BANKS OF CHRISTMAS CREEK, part of Mrs. Ann Chapman's 1820-acre grant, near Frederickton, Macleay River, containing the south-west corner of James Chubb's land, and bounded on the east by his land, bearing north 45 degrees to the north-west corner of the same, thence on the north by a line west 50 chains to a marked stone, on the west by a line bearing south 100 chains to Christmas Creek, then by the creek to the point commencing the allotment.

Together with the 6-ROOM COTTAGE, out-buildings, and other improvements.

Terms at sale. Plan at the Auction Rooms.

SOUTH COLEMAN, A FARM OF 24 acres, including an ORCHARD, with a comfortable cottage of 3 rooms.

BOWDEN, MILLS, and GORDON are instructed by Mr. Henry Davis to sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 154, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, September 16, at half-past 11 o'clock a.m.

The 24-acre farm on which Mr. Davis resides, on the main road to Lake's Ferry, within 3 miles of the main road at Lake's Ferry, within 3 miles of the main road at Lake's Ferry, within 3 miles of the main road at Lake's Ferry.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.

In the Estate of the late Mr. James Devitt, BOTANY.

W. PRITCHARD has received instructions from the Executors to sell by public auction, on the GROUND, on SATURDAY, October 2, at 3 o'clock, with the slightest reserve.

The whole of the late Mr. Devitt's valuable property, most favorably situated at Botany, consisting of the Captain Cook Hotel, bakery, and butcher's shop, opposite William's Waterworks Hotel.

3 cottages, Botany Road, 21 allotments land, having frontages to the Botany Road and Bay-street.

The hotel and bakery are built of brick on stone foundations, with slated roofs.

The cottages are built of weatherboards, shingled roofs. LITHOGRAPHIC plates of the property are being prepared, and further particulars will appear in a future advertisement.

Under the Executors' Act. Terms at sale.

CHOICE VILLA SITES, PETERHAM, CLOSE TO THE RAILWAY STATION, and Onnabus Sands.

W. PRITCHARD will sell by auction, on the GROUND, on SATURDAY, 26th September, at 3 o'clock.

Four allotments of land, nearly adjoining the Railway Station.

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WANTED for Good

SITUATION by a Widow, who has five years of age; a comfortable home and decent wages. W. Brown, labor agent.

SERVANTS WANTED.

A **MABLE GARDNER SERVANT** required—Murphy, 21, Paramount-street, requires a useful intelligent girl; she desires a comfortable home in the country and Apply, St. Brisbane-terrace, Point View.

A **PARTIAL MAID**, capable and industrious and Parlour Maid, Cakes and Jam-making engagement. 169, Harris-street, applies.

I want a **MAN** thoroughly competent to do heavy work, and well paid.

A **VACANCY** at \$200 per Annum, as follows:
A **MAID** of all excellently wanted from the country. Mrs. Stephenson, 6, Bridge-street.

A **GIRL SERVANT** wanted. Apply to Mrs. Porter-mansie. References 10 and 11, Market-street.

A **COOK-SERVANT** wanted. Inquire Misses Mary. Elliott, Elizabeth Bay.

A **SERVANT** wanted. Great Pacific Hotel North. Good wages, no washing.

WANTED, for Goulburn, a competent **FIREMAN**, and take charge of engine. Apply at Tinsley's Hay and Corn Store, Market, between 12 and 1 o'clock.

WANTED, in the western district, a respectable Woman, about 28 to 40 years, as General S.R.R. servant to a married couple without family. M. P.K., Post-office, Orange.

YOUNG GIRL, as General SERVANT, wanted, in small family. No. 38, Liverpool-street, Darlinghurst.

APARTMENTS BOARD & RESIDENCE.

A VACANCY for two gentlemen; separate rooms, Macquarie House, George-street, opposite Club.

A VACANCY for 2 young Men BOARDSHIP, Gipps-street, one door from New-parade-street.

APARTMENTS AND Drawing-room Suite vacant at 4, Gladstone-terrace, Birch-street, opp. Union Church.

APARTMENTS vacant. Mrs. Cameron's, 173 Premier-terrace, near the Old Willamsonian.

APARTMENTS vacant. Mrs. Busby, 14, Spencer-terrace, College-street.

APARTMENTS vacant. Sandlingham House, 140, Pitt-street.

APARTMENT

<p>A GIRL, about 14, to make hair for ladies. Mrs. Emily 67, Market-street. A smart Boy, used to the Printing- Office, Fourth-street, near the Court-house.</p> <p>S BOY, to carry a bag, and collect subscriptions. 578, corner King and Lippincott.</p> <p>A respectable young LAD, reformer, mission, both office, King and Phillips.</p> <p>A LAD, to wait at table and assist in his kitchen. Apply to Wm. Hanna II., George-street.</p> <p>A strong useful LAD. Stralings's 2134, Marguerite-street.</p> <p>A LAD, to serve bread with cart. Good Open for a week. Hanna III., Baker. some active LADS. Dunkley, Livermore-street.</p> <p>A YOUTH, 19, Liverpool-street, to assist sister, near George-street.</p> <p>A YOUTH, to work at bench. Purviance Post Office Hall, York-street.</p>	<p>A PARTNER wanted for two gentlemen; board and wages. 10, Hunter-street.</p> <p>A PARTMENTS vacant, for single gentlemen or families, Sandringham House, 110, Castle-gate.</p> <p>A PARTMENTS and SUITE vacant, 3 Lady Yang- terre, 10, Bedford-street, near Marlborough-street North.</p> <p>A GENTLEMAN will bear pleasure in recommend- ing to others comfortable Lodgings. Apply first instance, M. B. B., Herald Office.</p> <p>BOARD AND RESIDENCE, balcony between; central and comfortable. 241, Gloucester-street.</p> <p>BOARD AND RESIDENCE, very comfortable, 419, Pitt-st., near Colburn-tower and Thomas-tower.</p> <p>BOARD AND RESIDE IDEXIDE, Java House, Spanian street. Plunge and shower bath. Temper 214.</p> <p>BOARD AND RESIDENCE for respectable men, 16 week commencing 1st March, 146, Clarence-st.</p> <p>BOARD AND RESIDENCE, for 10 persons, 10 North, overlooking the harbour and Victoria-street.</p> <p>BEDROOMS to LET, well furnished, 4s per week. Apply 202, George-street North.</p> <p>FURNISHED APARTMENTS, every accommoda- tion. Adams Dr.'s Buildings, Double Bay.</p> <p>FURNISHED small COTTAGE, comfortable, 16 per week. Mrs. Cluer, Pitt and Raffles streets.</p>	<p>NATHANIEL Barrow Barnard JOHN W. Wentworth Wentworth Frustrated Frustrated Frustrated</p> <p>CHELLIE LAVINIA LAVINIA Lavinia Lavinia PAIN PAIN PAIN STELLA Doris WAYNE The The</p>
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 Crown-street, Surry Hills.
 a respectable GIRL, about 17, to com-
 pose. Apply 433, Pitt-street.
 a GIRL, to assist a child and be-
 neficial man, 285, Pitt-street, Liverpool-st.
 a useful GIRL, No. 13, Margaret-
 street Sydney and Melbourne Hotel.
 a tidy little GIRL, to be useful, Mrs.
 T. S. Castleburgh-st., near King-street.
 a GIRL, to mind children; reference,
 to Mrs. Smith, South new street, Sydney.
 a respectable GIRL, in small fam-
 ily, to assist, opposite Church-hill.
 a strong GIRL, for kitchen, Gile-
 road, 109, Perimeter-street.
 a clean Irish GIRL, to nurse a baby-
 boy, 37, George-street, North.
 a respectable GIRL, 14, as NURSE;
 required, 365, Liverpool-st., Darlinghurst.
 a clean active Girl, as NURSE. Apply
 Church-street.
FURNISHED COTTAGE for 12, 8 rooms, and
 every possible convenience. 123, Manley-street.
FURNISHED BEDROOM, for one or two, and
 use of kitchen if required. Apply to J. Tucker, Old
 Road.
LARGE FRONT ROOM, furnished; double or
 two friends. Board optional. 2, Bridge-street.
TO LET FURNISHED, 24, Wynyard-square. Private
 BOARD and RESIDENCE, 17, Bath, plain.
TEMPERATE HOUSE, Macquarie-street, North.
 Private SUITE and Apartments vacant.
PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE, 207, Mac-
 quarie-st., near Domain entrance; terms mod-
 erate.
PRIVATE BOARD and Residence for one or two
 respectable men, 11, Domain road, West-st.
TO LET, one or two ROOMS furnished or unfurnished.
 Apply Mrs. MOYE, 34, MILL-street, Pyrmont.
TO LET, a furnished BEDROOM for a single man.
 Apply 271, Buck-street, Woolloomooloo.
TO LET, unfurnished front ROOM, Replace, Eve-
 ling-street, Redfern.
VACANCIES in a private house, Collingwood, Hyde-
 Park. Apply M. Long, chemist, Williams-street.
VACANCIES for 2 of 3 gentlemen, terms moderate.
 Apply 10, Macquarie-street, Sydney.

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A General SERVANT. Apply 428, West, Surry Hills, between 10 and 12.

A respectable General SERVANT, who has kept a Hotel, at the street.

Young Women, as (General SERVANTS), 43, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo.

A respectable BARMAID, with references, Robinson, Pittary Hotel, William-street.

A respectable BARMAID, G. Wanganui, North of Paris, King-street.

A HOUSEMAID. Apply to Mrs. G. M. Cook's House, Kirkcaldy Place, St. Shur.

COOKS and Landresses and good Gens. Mrs. Anderson, Registry Office, Newtown.

a good COOK and LANDRESS, at Parkside, New Mills, Lalor-street.

COOK and LANDRESS. Apply Mrs. McDermott, 22, Burton-street.

a good LANDRESS. References—street.

A LANDRESS, by the day. Enquiries and References—street.

A respectable Female, as WAITRESS, at a Restaurant.

Servants' males, coach-men, kitchen-boys, &c., for SALE, a bargain; owner leaving the colony. W. DOUGHERTY, 93, George-street South.

SHOP to LET, 772, George-street South.

TO LET SHOP, 182, Sussex-street; rent, the. Apply next door.

TO LET, 6-roomed convalescent HOUSE, 15, Windsor-terrace, Rushburty Bay. Apply at No. 15.

TO LET, HOUSE, 2, Kilmaine-terrace, Banks-street, 6 rooms, kitchen, good yard. C. Kilman, Oxford-street.

TO LET, Chelsea-st, Surry Hills, 6-roomed HOUSE; large yard; rent, 14s. J. Mills, Bathurst-upstairs.

TO LET, HOUSE, 4 rooms, kitchen, back-upstairs. Moon P&B, rent, 14s. J. Mills, Bathurst-upstairs.

TO LET, COTTAGE, 2 rooms; rent, 12s. Marshall-street, off Pittary-street, Surry Hill.

TO LET, in George-st., a SHOP and Dwelling, with fixtures and stock, 665, George-st. Apply on premises.

TO LET, good Family RESIDENCE, Ryde; very convenient for a large family. Apply Laid, Pittary-street.

TO LET, ALFRED HOUSE, Dussan. Apply Gen. A. Lloyd and Co., 362, George-street.

TO LET, comfortable HOUSE, Glebe, Surry Hills, &c.

B - Edinburgh Castle Hotel, Pitt-street.

C - A WOMAN, to scrub, three days a week, Kilmock, opposite Victoria Theatre.

D - Mr GARDNER, single man, 40 years old, Scotchman, residing at Sydney, opposite the "Dorchester House," Sydney.

E - A MAN, ex GARDNER, and to be generalist. Ultimo House, Ultimo.

F - A LABOURER SEAMAN. Apply on board "Bath" Wharf, Market-street.

G - A LABOURER. Apply John R. Barker, Glasgow-place.

H - A respectable BILLIARD MARKER, who can play, and has a billiard-table, No. 6, Dorsette Bay Royal Hotel.

I - A MAN used to drydock. Come and see me, George-street.

J - A STOREMAN for grocery and produce. Apply J. Brown, labour agent, 27, Pitt-street.

K - A young MAN, of business habits, and a good shipper, for the shipping. 11, George-street.

L - A young MAN - one used to the New Zealand Coasting Service - as first-clerk WATTEK & CO., BILLIARD ROOM, McGrath's Hotel, George-street.

M - A WAITER, who can mark billiards, and do all other duties connected

N - TO LET, TWO HOUSES, on North Harbour, every convenience, splendid view of harbour, B. O. Holtzmann, St. Leonard's.

O - TO BE LET, COTTAGE, Station-street, Newtown, 8 rooms, kitchen, wash-house, and stable. Apply I. Campbell-terrace.

P - TO LET, ONE centrally situated BUSINESS PREMISES, 800, George-street. Apply to W. Clark and Sons, 112 and 114, Pitt-street.

Q - TO LET, grand semi-detached RESIDENCE, at Casperswood; 8 rooms, kitchen, laundry, scullery, coach-house, 3 small stables, large garden, and yard, &c. through asphalt road, close to 470, Bathurst-street.

R - TO BE LET, furnished, for six or nine months, a large new HOUSE, in Pyramus Road, containing 9 rooms and kitchen, scullery, laundry, stable, coachhouse, &c. Garden and paddocks. Apply Harcourt, Bidgshall, and Alsop, Ltd., Pitt-street.

S - WOOLLAHRA.—Two neat RESIDENCES to LET, low rent. Ramsay, George and King sts.

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U - TO LET, thirty (30) acres LAND, at Hornsbusch, of which 10 are cultivated by Mr. J. H. Murrill.

a MAN, to clear a garden about 30
 street, between 10 and 12. Address
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 required. (Street, 30, Oxford-street,
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 more tables. Address stating terms
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 10, Sydney-street.
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